

PURSUIING — OUR — MISSION

The Mask of Hypocrisy

Acts 5:1-11



Half of this misery in the world comes from trying to look, instead of trying to be, what one is not.”

George MacDonald

hy·poc·ri·sy

/hə'päkrəsē/

noun

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2. wearing a mask; playing the actor
3. the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behavior does not conform; pretense.

A dark brown silhouette of a world map serves as the background for the entire slide. The map is centered, showing the continents of North America, South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

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1. When we honor God with our lips, but not our hearts.

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Matthew 15:7-8

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Once we are more concerned with our reputation than our character, there is no end to the things we will do to make ourselves look good.



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- **Directed against the church.**

A dark brown background featuring a faint, stylized world map. The map shows the continents in a slightly lighter shade of brown, creating a subtle texture behind the text.

**Take heed ... to feed the church of
God, which he hath purchased with
His own blood.**

Acts 20:28

**Husbands, love your wives; even as
Christ also loved the church and
gave himself for it.**

Ephesians 5:25

“The church is the pillar and ground of the truth, and Satan attacks it with his lies. The church is God’s temple in which He dwells and Satan wants to move in and dwell there too. The church is God’s army and Satan seek to get into the ranks as many traitors as he can. The church is safe as long as Satan is attacking from the outside, but when he gets on the inside, the church is in danger.”

Warren Wiersbe



**“Now I’ve given to Jesus, everything.
Now I gladly own Him as my King.”**

At Calvary

1. This week, will you write out Matthew 15:7-8 on a card and evaluate your life in light of this truth?

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NEXTSTEPS

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- 2. When we acknowledge God's love, but not His wrath.**

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.”

Romans 1:18

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

John 3:36

“Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.”

Ephesians 5:6

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God . . . For our God is a consuming fire."

Hebrews 10:31, 12:29

THE LAW OF THE DESIGNER

The background of the image is a deep space scene. On the left, there are vibrant, glowing nebulae in shades of red, orange, and yellow, with bright star clusters. The right side features a large, detailed image of the Earth, showing continents and oceans, overlaid with a golden wireframe grid that represents a celestial coordinate system. The overall composition is dramatic and evokes a sense of cosmic scale and divine order.

“Being filled with all...unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:”

Romans 1:29-31

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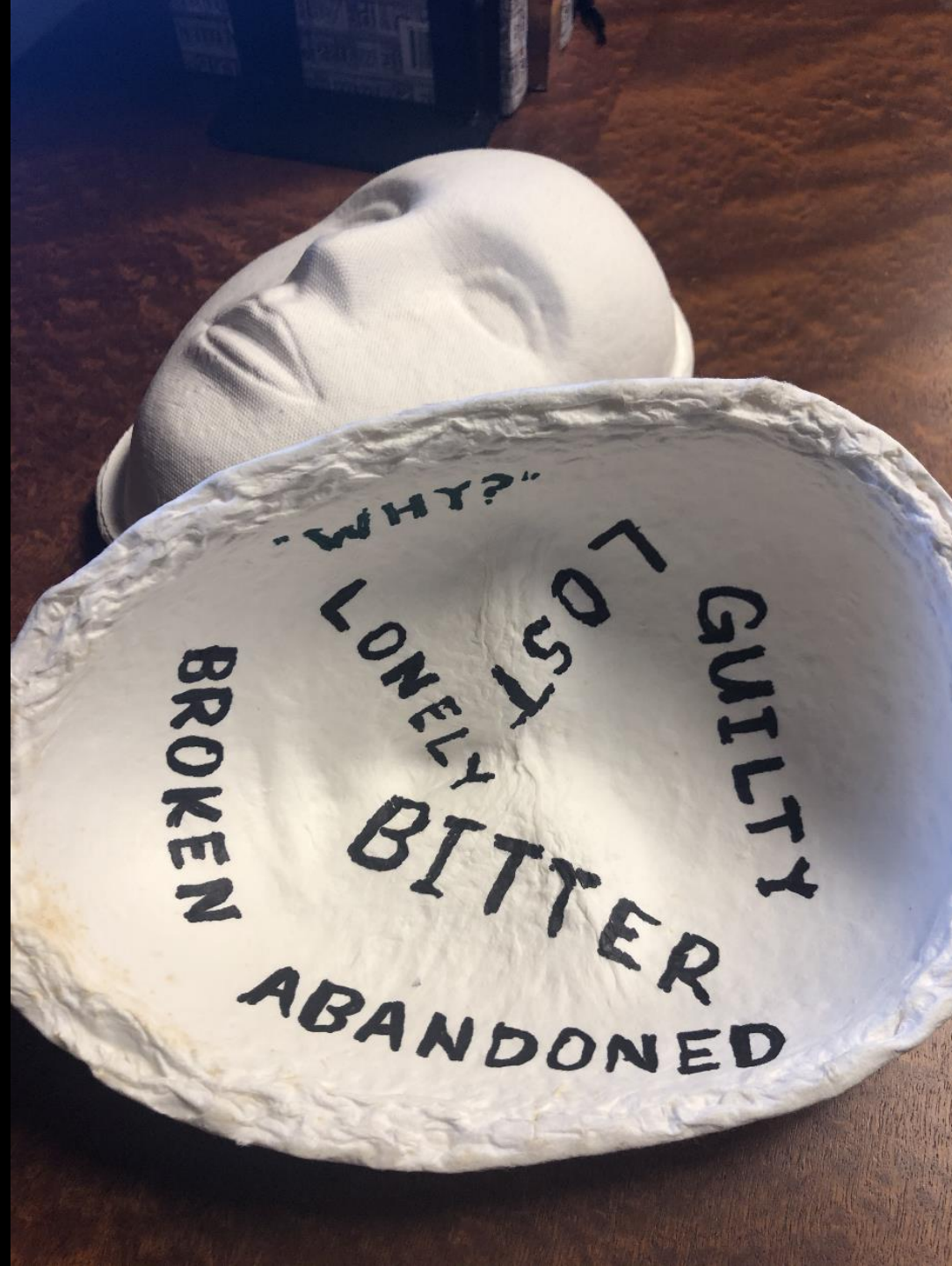
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Thalia & Melpomene





WHY?
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If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

But if **we walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 1:6-7

**“Let us have grace, whereby we may
serve God acceptably with reverence
and fear: For our God is a consuming
fire.”**

Hebrews 12:28-29

